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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: PR Docket No. 92-235

Dear Secretary:

I want to voice my concern over and opposition to PR Docket 92-235. Our department provides emergency dispatching services to police, fire and medical units in a city with a population of 28,000. In addition, our fire department provides rescue services to a tri-state, six-county area serving some 64,000 residents, covering a wide variety of terrain conditions.

As a consequence of the rules you propose, jurisdictions such as ours would have a tremendous cost burden due to new communication equipment requirements. Because of the low density of our population and the rural nature of our state the costs would be extravagant.

I am equally concerned over the proposed reduction of base station power. We could not continue to provide the level of services offered now without compromising safety or having to purchase additional transmitter equipment.

As I understand the plight of larger urban areas in finding more frequencies to operate on, I think rural states have unique topography situations. As such, your proposed rules will be detrimental to us. I certainly hope your Commission will reconsider the consequences of such a mandate.

Sincerely,

Jack Baldwin
Chief of Police

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